

April 20, 2009

Dear Parents/Guardians of 8th Grade Students:

Congratulations to our outstanding 8th grade class!!

It's that time of year again when we are planning end-of-the-year activities for students. The following are culminating activities to recognize 8th grade student effort and success.

Friday, June 5th - 8th Grade Promotion Dance

Our promotion dance will be in the MPR from 7:00-9:30 p.m. There is no cost to attend and light snacks, water, and beverages will be provided. Please have your child return the enclosed permission slip to their first period teacher by Friday, May 29, 2009.
Dress: See below for Dress Code.

Friday, June 5th - Yearbooks

Our award-winning yearbook will be handed out to 8th grade students on Friday, June 5th during 1st and 2nd periods. Students who have not already purchased a yearbook will be able to do so beginning Monday, June 9th after school and Tuesday, June 10th before school, during lunch and after school in E-38. The cost is \$45.00. Supplies are limited. **Please make your check payable to Harvest Park Middle School and write your child's full name and ID number in the lower left hand corner of the check.**



Wednesday, June 10th - Six Flags Discovery Kingdom

Eighth graders will be going to Six Flags Discovery Kingdom in Vallejo on Wednesday, June 10th. The cost of the trip is \$60.00, which includes admission, bus transportation and a barbecue lunch. Please notify Vice Principal, Ken Rocha at krocha@pleasanton.k12.ca.us if your child would like a veggie burger for lunch. This money is non-refundable due to the pre-payment requirement for use of facilities and

buses. Please review the park policies attached with your child. Also, note that no swimsuits are allowed at the park and the school dress code will be enforced.

Please be sure that your child has returned the Field Trip Authorization/ Emergency Medical form and a check for \$60.00 to his/her 1st period teacher on or before Friday, May 8th. **Please make check payable to Harvest Park Middle School and write your child's full name and ID # in the lower left hand corner of the check. Students who do not return the required paperwork and money before the deadline will not be able to attend this activity.** If your child needs a scholarship in order to attend, please contact his/her counselor or our administrative staff.

Students are to arrive at school at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 11th and report to their first period class for check-in. Once they have checked-in, their teacher will escort them to board the buses. Bus lists will be posted in the attendance window on Monday, June 8th. Students will be assigned alphabetically. We will arrive back at school at 4:00 p.m. Students must provide their own transportation home from school. Our staff will be chaperoning our trip. All 8th graders must ride the bus to and from the Discovery Kingdom. We will be sharing the day with the students from Hart and Pleasanton Middle School.

Outstanding fees for lost library books, textbooks, athletic uniforms, or other school property need to be paid before students may attend this trip.

This trip is planned for students who have maintained appropriate standards of behavior. If a student receives a referral with a discipline point between now and the trip or has accumulated eight (8) or more discipline points during the year, they may lose the privilege of attending the Discovery Kingdom trip.

Students who are not eligible or choose not to attend are required to attend school and complete the classroom work provided. It is important to remember that this is still a school day. Harvest Park loses all California State attendance funding for each student that calls in absent that day. Private parties on this day are discouraged.



Congratulations!!

Thursday, June 11th - 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony

Our promotion ceremony will be held in the Harvest Park gymnasium beginning at 5:00 p.m. This is a full school day. The ceremony should last approximately one hour. Students will sit with their 1st period class during the ceremony and will be recognized as a group, not individually. Students should arrive at school at 4:30 p.m. and report to their

1st period classroom and teacher. Due to limited seating in the gym, we request that you please limit the number of guests attending the promotion to four. Students will receive their individual promotion certificates at the end of the day on Friday, June 12th. If you require special seating, please contact Vice Principal, Ken Rocha for assistance.

Friday, June 12th – 8th Grade - Minimum Day

This is the last required day of school for all students. Eighth graders will receive their Promotion Certificate at the end of the school day. We will be on a minimum day schedule. School will begin at 8:35 a.m. (except “A” period which will begin at 8:01 a.m.) and all students will be dismissed at 12:36 p.m. **WHEELS buses will be running to accommodate our early dismissal.** Lunch will be available for those students who wish to stay and purchase a meal.



Promotion and Dance Dress Code:

We ask parents to support the school by seeing that your child adheres to this dress code.

NO formal attire should be worn to the promotion ceremony or dance. Teachers will check in the classroom before the promotion ceremony to ensure that all students are properly dressed. If in doubt, bring your attire in before June 5th for approval from the administration.

GIRLS:

- A dress or skirt that would be appropriate to wear out for dinner, to a graduation, or any place nice with your parents. Skirts should be fingertip length at least.
- Dresses may **not** be strapless or low-cut; no open backs, no “cocktail” dresses, halter-tops or formals, no bolero jackets with spaghetti straps underneath.
- No off-the-shoulder dresses.
- A cover up must be worn to the ceremony and dance with dresses whose straps are narrower than 2 inches.

- No undergarments should show.
- Comfortable shoes are recommended.
- Nice pants and dress shirt are also acceptable.

BOYS:

- Nice pants and a shirt with a collar.
- No tuxedos.
- No jeans or t-shirts.
- No undergarments should show.
- Pants that sag will not be allowed.

If you have any further questions about Promotion activities, please call the office. Again, congratulations!!

Sincerely,

Jim Hansen
Principal

Lauren Kelly
Vice Principal

Ken Rocha
Vice Principal